

Mr. Prime moved that the report of the Committee be made the stated business of the meeting to be held on Friday, October 19, 1894, and that the Secretaries be directed to print and distribute the report to the resident members before the next meeting.

The motion being seconded was carried.

And the Society was adjourned by the President.

*Stated Meeting, October 19, 1894.*

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Correspondence was reported as follows :

Letters of envoy were received from the Geological Survey of India, Calcutta; Soci t  R. des Sciences, Upsal, Sweden; K. S chsische Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften, Leipzig; K. Geod tisches Institut, Central Bureau der Internationalen Erdmessung, Potsdam, Prussia; Verein f r Vaterl ndische Naturkunde in W rtemberg, Stuttgart; Academy of Science, St. Louis, Mo.

A letter was received from the R. Accademia delle Scienze, Torino, Italia, announcing the death of Ariodante Fa Cretti, one of its members.

Letters of acknowledgment were received from the Geological Survey of India, Calcutta (144); K. K. Central-Anstalt f r Meteorologie, etc., Vienna, Austria (142, 144); Redaction der *Naturwissenschaftlichen Wochenschrift* (130, 134, 137); K. Akademie der Wissenschaften, Berlin, Prussia (144); Naturwissenschaftliche Verein, Bremen, Germany (142, 144); K. S chs. Met. Institut, Chemnitz, Saxony (140, 142, 144); Geographische Gesellschaft, Hanover, Prussia (142); K. S chs. Sternwarte (142, 144), Dr. Otto B htlingk, Leipzig, Saxony (144); Verein f r Vaterl ndische Naturkunde in W rtemberg, Stuttgart (140, 141, and *Trans.*, xvii, 3, xviii, 1); Soci t  R. des Sciences, Upsal, Sweden (137-141, and *Trans.*, xvii, 1, 2, 3, xviii, 1); Mr. Samuel Timmins, Arley, Coventry, England

(144); Royal Observatory, Edinburgh, Scotland (142, 144); Mr. Horatio Hale, Clinton, Canada (144); Bowdoin College Library, Brunswick, Me. (144); Dr. Justin Winsor, Cambridge, Mass. (142); Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Holl, Mass. (142); State Library, Albany, N. Y. (142, 144); Prof. J. E. Oliver, Ithaca, N. Y. (144); Academy of Science, Rochester, N. Y. (144); Mr. Arthur Biddle (144), Dr. John H. Brinton (142), Mrs. Helen Abbott Michael (144), Messrs. J. G. Rosengarten (144), Julius F. Sachse (144), L. A. Scott (141, 144), Philadelphia; Prof. John F. Carll, Pleasantville, Pa. (144); Prof. J. T. Rothrock, West Chester, Pa. (144); U. S. Naval Institute, Annapolis, Md. (144); Bureau of Ethnology, Hon. William Strong, Washington, D. C. (144); Academy of Science, Austin, Texas (142, 144); University of Iowa, Iowa City (144); Agricultural Experiment Station, Manhattan, Kansas (141, 142, 144); Washburn College, Kansas Academy of Science, Topeka (144); Lieut. A. B. Wyckoff, Seattle, Wash. (144); Historical Society of Southern California, Los Angeles (144); Prof. Daniel Kirkwood, Riverside, Cal. (144); Bishop Crescencio Carrillo, Merida, Mexico (144); Observatoire Météorologique Central de Mexico, Observatorio Astronomico de Tacubaya (144); Commissao Geographica e Geologica de San Paulo, Brazil (136, 139, 140); Institute of Jamaica, Kingston (142).

Letters of acknowledgment (145) from the New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord; Vermont Experiment Station, Burlington; Rhode Island Agricultural Experiment Station, Kingston; Providence Franklin Society, Providence, R. I.; State Library, Albany, N. Y.; Agricultural Experiment Station, Geneva, N. Y.; Geological Society of America, Rochester, N. Y.; Oneida Historical Society, Utica, N. Y.; Prof. Robert W. Rogers, Madison, N. J.; Prof. Charles W. Shields, Princeton, N. J.; Dr. Charles B. Dudley, Altoona, Pa.; Prof. Lyman B. Hall, Haverford, Pa.; Mr. P. F. Rothermel, Linfield, Pa.; Dr. Persifer Frazer, Prof. H. D. Gregory, Philadelphia; Mr. Thomas Meehan, Germantown, Philadelphia; Enoch Pratt Free Library, Maryland Institute, Peabody Institute,

Baltimore, Md.; Mr. T. L. Patterson, Cumberland, Md.; U. S. Geological Survey, Library Surgeon General's Office, U. S. Weather Bureau, Messrs. John S. Billings, W. J. Hoffman, Garrick Mallery, Charles A. Schott, William B. Taylor, Washington, D. C.; University of Virginia, Leander McCormick Observatory, Prof. J. W. Mallet, University of Virginia, Va.; Mr. Jedediah Hotchkiss, Staunton, Va.; Agricultural Experiment Station, Raleigh, N. C.; Georgia Historical Society, Savannah; Newberry Library, Chicago, Ill.; Rantoul Literary Society, Rantoul, Ill.; State Historical Society, Iowa City; Prof. E. W. Claypole, Akron, O.; Cincinnati Observatory, O.; Journal Comparative Neurology, Granville, O.; Oberlin College Library, O.; Purdue Experiment Station, LaFayette, Ind.; State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Academy of Sciences, etc., Madison; Kansas Academy of Science, Topeka; University of California, Prof. Joseph Le Conte, Berkeley, Cal.; Historical Society of Southern California, Los Angeles; Lick Observatory, Mt. Hamilton, Cal.; Prof. Daniel Kirkwood, Riverside, Cal.; Nebraska State Historical Society, Lincoln; Colorado Scientific Society, Denver; University of Wyoming, Laramie; South Dakota Agricultural College, Brookings; Academy of Science, Tacoma, Wash.; Bishop Crescencio Carrillo, Merida, Mexico; Observatorio Astronomico Nacional, Don Mariano Barana, Mexico, Mex.

Accessions to the Library were reported from the New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord; Dr. Samuel H. Scudder, Mr. Andrew McFarland Davis, Cambridge, Mass.; Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford; Yale University, New Haven, Conn.; University of the State of New York, Albany; Academy of Sciences, Scientific Alliance, Profs. J. A. Allen, W. LeConte Stevens, Mr. James Douglas, New York, N. Y.; Academy of Science, Rochester, N. Y.; Pennsylvania State College, Harrisburg; College of Pharmacy, Oriental Club of Philadelphia, Messrs. MacCalla & Co., Mrs. Wistar, Philadelphia; Peabody Institute, Baltimore, Md.; U. S. Department of Agriculture, Treasury and War Departments, Washington, D. C.; Law School of Mercer University, Macon, Ga.; Uni-

versity of California, Berkeley; University of Wisconsin, Madison; Historical Society, Lincoln, Neb.; Geological Survey, Minneapolis, Minn.; Observatorio Astronomico y Meteorologico, San Salvador, Central America; Sociedad Cientifica Argentina, Dr. Estanislao S. Zeballos, Buenos Aires, South America; Observatorio Nacional Argentina, Cordoba, South America.

The death of Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes (Boston) was announced, October 7, 1894 (æt. 86).

The proposed amendments to the Laws of the Society were taken up.

The Librarian stated that public notice had been given in the newspapers that the Society would consider same at this meeting, and furthermore, that printed copies of the said amendments had been sent to the members before the date of the meeting, and that the quorum required by the Laws was present.

Mr. Prime moved to consider Sections 1 to 5, Chapter I, inclusive, together. The motion was carried.

Mr. McKean moved to amend paragraph 2 of Section 1, to strike out "no other business shall be transacted at such meeting until the balloting for the election of members is completed and the result thereof reported to the Society," and to substitute instead at end of 1st paragraph, "and it shall have priority over all other business until the balloting be completed."

The President stated that, agreeably to the custom of the Society, if any amendments were agreed to, that the Law so amended must lie over for two weeks.

Mr. McKean's motion was put and carried.

Mr. McKean moved to strike out the words "not members of the Board of Officers and Council" from Section 2.

Mr. McKean moved to amend the same section by striking out the words "be *unanimous*" and inserting instead "there shall be an affirmative vote of at least *three* members of the Committee."

The members discussed the question of public posting of names in the Society's Hall.

Mr. Prime submitted the following substitute for Section 2 :

SECTION 2. A Committee on Nominations to consist of six members shall be chosen by ballot at the Stated Meeting of the Society, to be held on the third Friday of November, 1894, of whom two shall serve for one year, two for two years, and two for three years, and annually thereafter on the third Friday in November, two members of said Committee shall be chosen by ballot to serve for three years, but the retiring members shall not be eligible for re-election, until a year from the expiration of their office. Any member not attending a meeting of the Committee for six months shall be deemed to have vacated his office. Vacancies in this Committee occurring from any cause whatever, shall be filled by appointments made by the President of the Society, or if there be no President in office, then by the senior Vice-President. To this Committee shall be referred all nominations of candidates for membership, and it shall consider and report from the lists of nominations so referred, such persons as said Committee may deem worthy of election to membership.

To make such recommendations, the vote of at least four members of said Committee shall be required. The names of the persons so recommended for membership shall be posted in a convenient place for inspection in the Hall of the Society for three weeks preceding the election of members.

Members spoke to the amendment.

Mr. Prime called for a vote on his amendment.

Dr. Cope offered the following amendment: "That a vote of three members of the said Committee shall be a majority."

The vote was taken on Mr. Prime's motion, and it was carried by 18 ayes, 4 nays.

Then on Mr. Prime's amendment, which was lost, ayes 9, nays 11.

The amendment of Dr. Cope was put and carried, ayes 12, nays 6.

Dr. Greene moved that, it is the sense of the Society that it is inexpedient to make any change in the method of electing its members, then withdrew the same and offered a resolution to postpone the further consideration of the amendments in order to introduce the above motion.

The motion was lost, 10 ayes, 11 nays.

Mr. McKean moved to strike out the words "not members of the Board of Officers and Council," which was debated and carried by a vote of 18 ayes and 8 nays.

Dr. Morris moved to strike out second paragraph of Section 2, and substitute as follows:

All nominations shall be open to inspection by members of the Society when the Hall is open, under charge of the Secretaries.

The Committee on Nominations shall hold stated meetings on the second Fridays of January, April, September and November, when those interested may state their reasons for or against any candidate: but the members of the Society are mutually pledged not to mention out of the Society the name of any candidate proposed, nor of any withdrawn or unsuccessful candidate: and the papers containing the names of unsuccessful candidates shall be destroyed immediately after the election following.

Dr. Cope moved that the words "the names of the persons so recommended for membership shall be placed in a convenient place for inspection in the Hall of the Society for three weeks preceding the election," be struck out.

Mr. Prime explained the reason of the paragraph.

Dr. Brinton moved to adjourn. The motion was lost ayes 7, nays 14.

The question being taken on Dr. Cope's motion, it was carried.

Dr. Greene moved to indefinitely postpone action on the amendments.

Mr. Prime moved to make the amendments prepared by the Committee the stated business of the next regular meeting.

It was moved to adjourn. Carried, ayes 17.

And so the Society was adjourned.